

THE OPENING GAME.

Charlton were good value for a point on Saturday. They are by no means a great side, but they were assisted by the weaknesses of the Town, and although the Town twice held the lead, it would have been a bit hard on the Athletic had they not drawn level. They were far ahead of the Town in the opening stages, and only their excitement prevented them scoring. The Town profited by this mistake, and HIGGINBOTHAM had the satisfaction of carrying out his declaration before the game that he would score the first goal. He got his chance when Wood failed to get away a shot from Brown, who should have scored, and the ball only had to be tapped into the net. Straightway Castle broke through on the visitors' right and forced a corner, from which McKINNON equalised after Bailey had failed to first clear. A few minutes later McKinnon fisted out a shot from Butcher as Wood was out of goal, and HOAR netted the penalty kick. The other goal came in the second half, when Bailey could not get clear another ball from the right wing, and FILLISTON was presented with an opportunity of equalising.

LUTON.—Bailey; Lennon, Tirrell; Jennings, Walker, Roe; Reader, Higginbotham, Brown, Butcher, Hoar.

CHARLTON.—Wood; Burton, Herod; Dowling, Whalley, McKinnon; Castle, Rees, Filliston, Steele, Smith.

Referee: J. E. Head, London.